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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990), I have the honour to inform you of the actions which the French armed forces continue to take, in the context of plans drawn up jointly with the members of the coalition of countries that are cooperating with Kuwait, to secure the implementation of resolution 660 (1990) and all subsequent resolutions of the Council.

Members of the French land forces present in the field have continued their preparations in anticipation of a later engagement, in conjunction with other forces.

Our naval units continue to help protect allied maritime supply lines. The French vessels which are continuing, in the framework of the Western European Union, to monitor the embargo in the Straits of Tiran, Bab al Mandab and Hormuz, have identified over 6,520 vessels and searched nearly 125 of them.

Lastly, French fighter planes have flown more than 500 missions since 17 January, as part either of offensives against military targets in Kuwait and southern Iraq or of airspace monitoring operations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pierre-Louis BLANC